

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the paragraph on page 16, beginning at line 12 as follows:

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Accordingly, an article registration device (not shown) can alternatively be added to punch plate 30 and die plate 32 in order to provide an enhanced ability to accurately register articles 14 between punch plate 30 and die plate 32 when severing such articles 14 from web 16. One suitable article registration device is disclosed in Applicant's pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/575,783, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Registering Articles During a Web Processing Operation", now U.S. Patent No. 6,435,067 B1, naming the inventor as Jere F. Irwin, and herein incorporated by reference.